



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Regular Meeting

May 12, 2011

Company #1

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Attendance

Commissioner's Seiler, Stoddard & Bogacz

Chief Chris Schroeder

Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre-Excused

Dick Brown-Co.#2

Deputy Chief Frank Papa-Excused

Deputy Chief Tom Gill-Excused

IV. Public Participation

Nothing at this time

V. Communications

Communications were read and a correction was made to the memo for the pump test scheduled for June 6th. The actual date is Sunday June 12th.

Minutes were accepted as corrected.

VI. Ledger Status

Commissioner Stoddard reviewed the Ledger Status Report and reported that it was on track for the year to date.

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VII. Old Business

Update on the ISO-No report.

**Awards Night postponed until September-October.
The money allocated for this year will be used for awards and other recognition of service items.**

VIII. New Business

The flower sales will be held on April 22nd, April 23rd, April 24th.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Saturday, May 28th and a Family Bar-B-Que will be held following the parade at Company#1.

The flower sales went very well

Company #3 Pasta Dinner was a great success and very well attended.

The Veterans Golf Tournament will be held on June 3rd at Stanley Golf Course in New Britain. Dinner to follow at the Polish Club in Newington. Sponsors, golfers, & door prizes are needed. Contact Bob Seiler or Duke Kalasky with any donations.

The piece of steel that was part of the towers on 9/11 was picked up at Port Authority by Commissioners Seiler and Stoddard. It is housed at the Highway Garage for the time being. A site will be selected for its permanent placement at a later date.

IX. Public Participation

X. Comissioner's Remarks

Commissioner Bogacz commented on how both of the Prom Promise events went very well. The department did a fine job.

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Commissioner Stoddard read the prepared statement that follows:

First I hope Tip-A-Firefighter is going well.

Second, I feel it necessary to speak about the recent disciplinary action taken by the administration and this commission. Some will say that I speak tonight because of my association with the individuals involved. That is not the case. I make my decision based on the facts and the best interest of the department and the town and now I may be guided by president. Those that think otherwise don't really know me.

I will not speak about the facts of the case. I will criticize the process. This incident was discussed openly by many in the department and I heard about from many people outside of the department. Someone from my church new of the situation, a mail man knew what was going on and a cable repair man asked about it. These was just too much information available.

Most of all I'm disappointed with the other members of this commission. We have set a very high standard for the department. I know of many other situations that were questionable and either nothing was done or very little. Every members of the department must understand how import your integrity, your honesty is. Based on the president we have set if it comes into question you may be dismissed from the fire department. I try to treat all members equally from the youngest to the oldest from a chief to a cadet. If feel that the rules for one are the rules for all.

I asked Commissioner Stoddard for permission to enter his exact statement into the minutes and permission was granted.

Commissioner Seiler acknowledged statement without comment. There was no further comment from those attending.

XI. Executive Session

None

XII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted:

**Sue Reniewicz
Board Secretary**

